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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to homeowners' insurance policies;  
 3           amending s. 627.7011, F.S.; revising circumstances  
 4           under which insurers issuing homeowners' insurance  
 5           policies must include a specified statement relating  
 6           to flood insurance with the policy documents at  
 7           initial issuance and renewals; providing an effective  
 8           date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 627.7011, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           627.7011 Homeowners' policies; offer of replacement cost  
 15 coverage and law and ordinance coverage.—

16           (4) (a) An insurer that issues a homeowner's insurance  
 17 policy must include with the policy documents at initial  
 18 issuance and every renewal, in bold type no smaller than 18  
 19 points, the following statement:

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 21           "LAWS AND ORDINANCES: LAWS AND ORDINANCES COVERAGE IS AN  
 22 IMPORTANT COVERAGE THAT YOU MAY WISH TO PURCHASE.  
 23 PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT."  
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25           (b) An insurer that issues a homeowner's insurance policy  
 26 that does not provide flood insurance coverage must include with  
 27 the policy documents at initial issuance and every renewal, in  
 28 bold type no smaller than 18 points, the following statement:  
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30 "FLOOD INSURANCE: YOU MAY ALSO NEED TO CONSIDER THE  
31 PURCHASE OF FLOOD INSURANCE. YOUR HOMEOWNER'S  
32 INSURANCE POLICY DOES NOT INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR DAMAGE  
33 RESULTING FROM FLOOD EVEN IF HURRICANE WINDS AND RAIN  
34 CAUSED THE FLOOD TO OCCUR. WITHOUT SEPARATE FLOOD  
35 INSURANCE COVERAGE, YOU MAY HAVE UNCOVERED LOSSES  
36 CAUSED BY FLOOD. PLEASE DISCUSS THE NEED TO PURCHASE  
37 SEPARATE FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH YOUR INSURANCE  
38 AGENT."

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40 (c) The intent of this subsection is to encourage  
41 policyholders to purchase sufficient coverage to protect them in  
42 case events excluded from the standard homeowners policy, such  
43 as law and ordinance enforcement and flood, combine with covered  
44 events to produce damage or loss to the insured property. The  
45 intent is also to encourage policyholders to discuss these  
46 issues with their insurance agent.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.